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SUBJ: SECOND MEETING UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

REF: (1) KLEIN-TREVITHICK TELCON 2/15/74

(2) STATE 028193

1. AT LUNCHEON MEETING WITH MEMBERS SWEDISH, CANADIAN, UK AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATIONS MISOFF DISCUSSED PROPOSED UNEP GC-II AGENDA, USING INFO PROVIDED PARAS 4-8 REF (2) AND KLEIN-TREVITHICK TELCON OF FEB 15. IT CLEAR THAT WHILE MEETING, WHICH WAS HOSTED BY CANADIAN, WAS TO DISCUSS UNEP GC-II FEW HAD DONE THEIR HOMEWORK, AND THUS THE FLOW OF INFO WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE-WAY, ALTHOUGH SOME COMMENTS OFFERED BY CANADIAN, BRIT, SWEDE AND AUSTRALIAN AS FOLLOWS:

2. RE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT KENYA PROBABLY WOULD PROVIDE PRESIDENT; ALSO FEELING EXPRESSED BY ALL FOUR THAT RAPPORTEUR PROBABLY SHOULD BE SOMEONE FROM WEO GROUP.

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3. RE AGENDA, CONSENSUS WAS THAT PROPOSED TWO SESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO CONVENE EARLY IN GC-II SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

4. RE RULES OF PROCEDURE, SWEDE WAS ONLY ONE FAMILIAR WITH RESULTS OF WORKING GROUP, PARTICULARLY COMMENTS OF PRC AND GDR. HIS VIEW WAS THAT THESE COMMENTS COULD BE TROUBLESOME, BUT WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY COULD BE HANDLED (WITHOUT SPECIFYING HOW). MISOFF INDICATED THAT IT WAS U.S. VIEW AT THE MOMENT THAT THE WORKING GROUP REPORT AS NOW STANDS WAS ACCEPTABLE, BUT THAT PRC AND GDR COMMENTS COULD BE A REAL PROBLEM.

5. RE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF THE ED, MISOFF INDICATED THAT U.S. WAS INCLINED TO FOREGO MAKING A STATEMENT. CANADIAN SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW ED WANTED COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ED'S REMARKS WOULD INCLUDE COMMENTS ABOUT ENERGY CRISIS. CANADIAN ALSO STATED THAT HIS DELEGATION PROBABLY WOULD INCLUDE HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS WHO WOULD WISH TO MAKE STATEMENTS; THIS ALSO TRUE FOR BRITISH AND SWEDES.

6. RE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM, MISOFF RELATED IDEA CONTAINED REF (2) THAT ITEMS BE IDENTIFIED FOR EMPHASIS, AND INDICATED WHICH ITEMS U.S. WOULD PROPOSE. ALL FOUR COPIED DOWN THIS LIST, BUT HAD NO SPECIFIC COMMENT (OTHER THAN GENERAL COMMENT BY UK PARTICIPANT THAT U.S. LIST APPEARED TO CONTAIN EVERYTHING).

7. RE FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT UNEP SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT; AND THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO REOPEN QUESTION OF FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED ED WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURES. MISOFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT U.S. WAS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY ANALYZING UNEP DOCUMENT GC-17 AND INVITED COMMENTS; BUT IT CLEAR THAT THIS DOCUMENT HAD NOT BEEN DIGESTED AS YET, AT LEAST BY THIS GROUP.

8. RE FUND FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THERE WAS GENERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT THAT THIS THE MOST TROUBLESOME ITEM ON PROPOSED AGENDA. MISOFF INDICATED US VIEW THAT DECISION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FUND BE DELAYED AND CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF VANCOUVER MEETING. WHILE EVERYONE LIKED THIS IDEA, NONE THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE.

9. SWEDE RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANYONE THOUGHT THAT THE BRAZILIANS AND ARGENTINES MIGHT NOT HAVE ANOTHER

GO-AROUND WITH RESPECT TO SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES.
CONSENSUS WAS THAT THEY WOULD BUT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE
ANYONE COULD DO ABOUT IT.

10. MISOFF INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR TRUEHEART PROBABLY
WOULD BE CHIEF OF U.S. DELEGATION TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
PREPCOMM. MISOFF INFORMED THAT FIRST PREPCOMM MEETING
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 20.
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